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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, ENRG, EG, IS, US
SUBJECT: GULF OIL ACTIVITY IN BUFFER ZONE

REF: STATE 097148

1. EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH
GOI BUT HAS LITTLE DOUBT THAT GOI FEELS THAT UN SHOULD
CONSULT WITH IT BEFORE ALLOWING GULF INTO BUFFER ZONE.
WE AGREE WITH DEPARTMENT THAT GOI WOULD PREFER
TO HAVE DIRECT GOI-GOE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS ISSUE AS IT
WOULD ON OTHER PETROLEUM MATTERS IN THE GULF AND THE SINAI.

2. GIVEN THIS SITUATION AND UN'S OWN POSITION ON THE
MATTER, WE SUGGEST THERE IS MERIT IN THE DEPARTMENT
ALSO EMPHASIZING THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF THIS PROBLEM
IN ADDITION TO THE LEGAL POINTS. AS CORRECTLY POINTED
OUT BY REFTEL, THE BASIC LEGAL POSITION IS CLOSELY
CIRCUMSCRIBED BY PRACTICAL ASPECTS.

3. AS INDICATED PARA 3 REFTEL, EMBASSY AGREES
THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE THAT USG NOT BECOME DIRECTLY
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INVOLVED. IF DEPARTMENT ASKED BY UN, HOWEVER, EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS THAT THRUST OF PARA 2 REFTEL BE INCLUDED
IN OUR RESPONSE, IN ADDITION TO OUR LEGAL POSITION
AS SET FORTH PARA 1 REFTEL.
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